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DUP NEWS**Latest News:****DUP happy to support strong anti-terror measures**

Dr. William McCrea, Democratic Unionist Party Member of Parliament for South Antrim, has said that his party was pleased to support strong anti-terrorism measures including 28-day pre-trial detention. The MP said that the DUP will continue to support the PSNI as they seek to apprehend those responsible for the murders of Constable Stephen Carroll and Sappers Mark Quinsey and Patrick Azimkar. Dr. McCrea urged everyone in the community to support the police. Speaking today, Dr. McCrea MP MLA said:

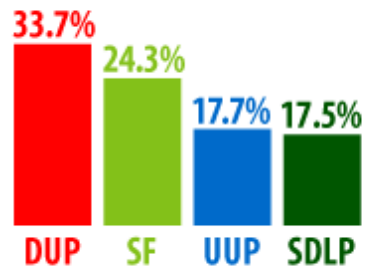


“The police will have the complete and utter support of the Democratic Unionist Party as they seek to apprehend those responsible for the three brutal murders that have caused such revulsion throughout Northern Ireland. It is for the police to say what resources they need and it is for elected politicians to battle to get those resources for them. We must not second guess the police as they seek to do their duty.

The DUP has a consistent record on dealing with the threat posed by terrorism. We supported legislation such as 28 day detention as a useful tool to allow the police to gather enough information to secure a conviction or to establish the absence of guilt.

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When this legislation was passed it was envisaged in most people's minds as a necessary device in the fight against international terrorism. People are saddened that we have been made to use its provisions in a domestic UK context in Northern Ireland: saddened that evil men have sought to bring violence back on to our streets but resolved that they will not win. They will be defeated.

28 day detention is a necessary weapon in the armoury of the forces of law and order to defeat the threat posed by murderous criminals. To enable the police to gather information and pursue terrorism relentlessly we supported 42-day detention in the House of Commons - we will always support initiatives designed to protect the people of Northern Ireland from murderous terrorism."

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